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SUBJ: IRANIAN MILITARY MISSION TO SOMALIA

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1. DEPTS PROMPT AND HELPFUL RESPONSE TO REFTELS
B AND C VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. UPON RECEIPT OF REF A
MORNING JULY 9, AMB CALLED FONMIN KHALATBARY
TO ARRANGE MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME TO DISCUSS SUBSTANCE.
KHALATBARY WAS ON THE VERGE OF GOING TO SEE THE SHAH AND
ANXIOUS TO HAVE THE INFORMATION WE HAD RECEIVED BEFORE DOING
SO. SINCE TIMING WAS IN CONFLICT WITH ANOTHER PRE-ARRANGED
APPOINTMENT AMB HAD DCM SAW KHALATBARY IN HIS STEAD.

2. DCM LEFT WITH FONMIN TEXT OF QUESTIONS POSED
PARA 2 REF A AND VERBALLY CONVEYED OTHER POINTS STRESSING
THAT USG BOUND BY LAW TO PERMIT THE TRANSFER OF US
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ORIGIN ARMS ONLY TO THIRD COUNTRIES TO WHICH WE OURSELVES
WOULD SELL OR TRANSFER SIMILAR EQUIPMENT. NOTED AT PRESENT
TIME SOMALIA IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO PURCHASE US DEFENSE
ARTICLES BUT SUBJECT IS UNDER INTENSIVE USG STUDY. KHALAT-
BARY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OUR PROMPT RESPONSE TO HIS
QUERY BUT DID NOT HAVE FURTHER COMMENT OTHER THAN TO SAY HE
MAY BE IN TOUCH WITH US AGAIN BEFORE THE IRANIAN MILITARY

MISSION LEAVES FOR SOMALIA. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE WOULD
PASS ON TO THE SHAH THE INFORMATION WE HAD GIVEN HIM.

3. AMB HAS A REQUEST IN FOR AN AUDIENCE WITH THE
SHAH TO DISCUSS SEVERAL OTHER MATTERS. HE EXPECTS THAT
REQUEST WILL BE GRANTED IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO AND INTENDS
AT THAT TIME TO COVER THE SAME GENERAL GROUND DCM COVERED
WITH KHALATBARY ON THIS SUBJECT.
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